

AWARDS & DECORATIONS



Silver/Bronze Stars
The bronze star represents participation in campaigns or operations, multiple qualifications or an additional award to any of the various ribbons on which it is authorized. The silver star is worn in the same manner as the bronze star, but each silver star is worn in lieu of five bronze service stars. When worn together on a single ribbon, the silver star(s) will be worn to the wearer's right of any bronze star(s).



Silver/Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
The bronze oak leaf cluster represents second and subsequent entitlements of awards. The silver oak leaf cluster represents sixth, 11th, etc., entitlements or in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters. Silver oak leaf clusters are worn to the wearer's right of the bronze oak leaf clusters on the same ribbon.



Antarctica Service Medal Clasp (and disc)
The Antarctica Service Medal Clasp, bearing the words "Wintered Over," is only worn on the medal's suspension ribbon. The discs are authorized for people who stayed on the continent during winter months.



Germany and Japan Clasps
A
Arctic Service Device
The "A" device, when worn with oak leaf clusters, is worn to the wearer's right of such clusters. The device is worn with the Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short Tour and is authorized for people who completed a short tour north of the Arctic Circle.

3 Arabic Numerals
Arabic numerals are worn on the Armed Forces Reserve medal to denote participation in additional contingencies.

M Device
The "M" device is worn with the Armed Forces Reserve Medal to denote active duty status for at least one day during a contingency.



Hourglass Device
The hourglass is worn with the Armed Forces Reserve Medal in bronze for 10 years of service, silver for 20 years and gold for 30 years.



Valor Devices and Clusters
The "V" device represents valor and does not denote an additional award. Only one may be worn on any ribbon. When worn on the same ribbon with clusters, is worn to the wearer's right of such clusters.



Plane Device
The device is worn with the Army of Occupation Medal to denote service of 90 consecutive days in direct support of the Berlin Airlift (June 26, 1948, to Sept. 30, 1949).

Arrowhead
The arrowhead denotes participation in a combat parachute jump, combat glider landing or amphibious assault landing. The arrowhead points up and is worn to the wearer's right of any service stars.

* Also awarded with gold, silver or bronze devices. The gold frame on the ribbon denotes a unit citation; without, an individual citation.

**Gold border awarded to Airmen who participate in combat operations in a designated combat zone.

Source: Air Force Personnel Center

 Medal of Honor	 Air Force Cross	 Defense Distinguished Service Medal	 Distinguished Service Medal
 Purple Heart	 Defense Meritorious Service Medal	 Meritorious Service Medal	 Air Medal
 Gallant Unit Citation	 Joint Meritorious Unit Award	 Meritorious Unit Award	 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
 Outstanding Airman of the Year Ribbon	 Air Force Recognition Ribbon	 American Defense Service Medal	 American Campaign Medal
 Korean Service Medal	 Antarctica Service Medal	 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal	 Vietnam Service Medal
 Korean Defense Service Medal	 Armed Forces Service Medal	 Humanitarian Service Medal	 Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
 Air Force Recruiter Ribbon	 Armed Forces Reserve Medal	 USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon	 USAF Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon
 Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation	 RVN Gallantry Cross with Palm*	 United Nations Service Medal	 United Nations Medal

 Silver Star	 Defense Superior Service Medal	 Legion of Merit	 Distinguished Flying Cross	 Airman's Medal	 Bronze Star
 Aerial Achievement Medal	 Joint Service Commendation Medal	 Air Force Commendation Medal	 Joint Service Achievement Medal	 Air Force Achievement Medal	 Presidential Unit Citation
 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award	 Prisoner of War Medal	 Combat Readiness Medal	 Air Force Good Conduct Medal	 Good Conduct Medal	 Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal
 Asian-Pacific Campaign Medal	 Euro-African-Middle Eastern Campaign	 World War II Victory Medal	 Army Occupation Medal	 Medal for Humane Action	 National Defense Service Medal
 Southwest Asia Service Medal	 Kosovo Campaign Medal	 Afghanistan Campaign Medal	 Iraq Campaign Medal	 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal	 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Air and Space Campaign Medal	 Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long Tour	 Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short Tour	 Air Expeditionary Service Ribbon **	 Air Force Longevity Service Award	 Air Force Basic Military Training Instructor Ribbon
 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon	 Air Force Training Ribbon	 Philippine Defense Ribbon	 Philippine Liberation Ribbon	 Philippine Independence Ribbon	 Philippine Presidential Unit Citation
 NATO Medal (Former Republic of Yugoslavia)	 NATO Medal for Kosovo	 Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal	 Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	 Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait	 Republic of Korea Korean War Service Medal

Civilian Awards

 Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service	 Air Force Civilian Award for Valor	 Air Force Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award	 Air Force Meritorious Civilian Service Award	 Command Civilian Award for Valor	 Air Force Exemplary Civilian Service Award	 Air Force Civilian Achievement Award
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